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MIDWEST LIVESTOCK MARKET REVIEW

Cattle marketings were the largest for any week since January. The liberal receipts and excessively hot weather influenced a weak to 50¢ lower price trend on fed steers and heifers at the majority of markets. Hog receipts decreased and prices held up well despite further declines in the wholesale fresh pork trade. Butchers closed steady to 25¢ higher at most markets and 25-50¢ lower at a few points. Late sales of spring lambs were $1.50-4.00 lower, occasional sales as much as $5.00-6.00 off.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES

Excessively hot dry weather over much of the midwest influenced increased marketings of cattle, particularly slaughter cows and in some areas Good light steers and heifers. Receipts at the 12 markets increased for the second straight week and were largest since the second week of January. Movement of fed steers was liberal at several markets, supply of grainfeds at Kansas City being largest for a June week since 1949, with the volume at Sioux City largest for June in two years. Buyers again preferred Choice steers under 1100#, and with price trend uneven, fed steer prices strengthened at a few points but developed weakness at most centers. The general price trend on steers was steady to 50¢ lower, extremes $1.00 off with least decline on Choice steers under 1100#. At St. Joseph steers under 1200# closed steady to 50¢ higher, others weak to 25¢ or more lower, while at St. Louis National Stock Yards Good and Choice steers sold around 50¢ higher, lower grades steady to 50¢ off, reflecting the unevenness in the week's trend. Heifer prices were also irregular, trend being quite similar to that on steers. Prices of heifers continued in close alignment with the same grades of steers, although the price differential widened at some centers. Cows were mainly steady to $1.00 lower, bulls steady to $1.00 higher. Sharply lower dressed veal prices influenced declines of $1.00-3.00 on vealers and slaughter calves. Most Good and Choice steers cashed at midwest terminals from $17.00-21.50, high-Choice and Prime $21.50-23.00, several loads Prime 1150-1385# steers at Chicago $23.00-23.50. Latter was lowest weekly top there since July 1953, whereas top of $22.75 for Prime heifers was highest of the year. Most Good and Choice heifers cleared at midwest markets from $17.00-21.00. Good to Prime vealers sold at S. St. Paul late from $17.00-21.00; bulk Choice at St. Louis National Stock Yards $18.00-20.00.

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES

Trading on stocker and feeder cattle and calves continued to show a high degree of sensitivity to changes in the weather. An unseasonable heat wave over a large part of the nation during the week again gave rise to fears of another dry summer, particularly since much of the Western half of the country is deficient in sub-soil moisture resulting in pastures often quickly showing the adverse effects of the heat. Demand for stockers and feeders often shows a seasonal slow-down starting about mid-June. With the grass season well under way most graziers already have stocked their pastures, and in addition the press of field work often prevents farmers from coming to market at this time of year. However, the curtailment in the current week's demand came suddenly and in vivid contrast to the previous week's lively trade - reflecting more than anything else the bearish effect of the unfavorable turn in the weather. Receipts continued seasonally moderate to small despite a substantial increase in the total cattle run. In a slow trade, prices generally closed steady to 50¢ lower. Common, Medium and low-Good stockers showed most decline and in instances were $1.00 or more lower. At Sioux City the decline was more

drastic than elsewhere, prices at that market dropping $1.00-2.00. The price relationship between fats and feeders was more favorable than a year ago at least from the standpoint of comparative average costs. The average cost of all steers 500# up shipped to the country from Kansas City was $1.82 under a year ago while the price of all beef steers there was only 96¢ below a year ago. Good and Choice feeder steers 750# up sold from $16.00-19.50, not many above $19.00. A few Choice lightweight short yearling stock steers brought $20.50-21.25, and Choice 650# stockers rated $20.50. However, relatively few yearlings exceeded $19.50, and majority were Medium and Good selling from $14.00-18.75. Good and Choice yearling heifers brought $15.00-18.50. A few Choice steer calves sold from $20.00-21.25 while heifer calves seldom exceeded $18.00.

HOGS

Combined receipts were somewhat smaller than the previous week but were fully adequate on most days. Packing plant demand was usually only moderate as excessively hot weather slowed trading on wholesale fresh pork. Shipping outlet varied from fairly good to rather poor. The relatively narrow price margins between the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area and surrounding terminal markets on butchers under 240# curtailed out-of-State shipments in the Interior. Prices for barrows and gilts strengthened earlier in the week but declined later except for some upturn on Friday. Compared with a week earlier butchers closed steady to 25¢ higher at most points, with declines of 25-40¢ or more at Chicago and Indianapolis where quotations late the previous week were relatively high compared with other points. A fair showing of number 1 and 2 lots appeared at some Western Corn Belt markets but most such offerings were sorted from larger lots of mixed No. 1 to 3 butchers to fill shipping orders. Butchers grading No. 1 and 2 usually brought from 25-75¢ more than mixed No. 1 to 3 lots of comparable weights. The proportion of sows showed a further increase, these selling unevenly 25¢ or more higher to 25¢ lower.

Average cut-out value advantage of U. S. No. 1 over No. 3 live basis, for 200-220# barrows and gilts was $1.00 per cwt. based on provision prices at Chicago June 7 to June 13, inclusive.

Feeder pigs closed 50¢ lower at Sioux City, Good and Choice 120-150# $14.00-14.50. Most late sales at S. St. Paul were steady at $15.00-15.50. Prices at Memphis were unchanged, Medium and Good 70-140# feeders cashing from $11.00-12.50, a few Good and Choice $12.50-13.00, Common $10.00-11.00.

SHEEP AND LAMBS

Despite reduced receipts, slaughter lamb prices broke $1.50-4.00 at midwest markets, instances off more. Slaughter sheep sold 25¢-$1.00 lower and feeder lambs were steady to $1.00 lower. The main bearish factor in the lamb trade was the sharp drop in wholesale dressed lamb prices. This in turn was a result of the curtailed demand for meats caused by the hot, humid weather over most of the Eastern half of the country. At most midwest points spring lambs made up bulk of the receipts. At Ft. Worth, however, which again received more than 37 percent of the 12-market supply, arrivals ran about 40 percent old-crop lambs and yearlings. Early in the week spring lambs sold up to $28.50 at Chicago and the late top there was $27.00. Elsewhere in the midwest late sales of Good to Prime spring lambs ranged from $19.00-24.00, Culls down to $10.00 and below. Good and Choice 85-105# old-crop lambs with No. 1 and 2 pelts, including some yearlings, cashed at Chicago from $20.50-21.75. At Ft. Worth Good and Choice shorn lambs and yearlings bulked from $18.00-18.50. Cull to Choice shorn slaughter ewes sold at $2.00-5.00.

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WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

Market	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep	
	June 16 1956	June 18 1955	June 16 1956	June 18 1955	June 16 1956	June 18 1955	June 16 1956	June 18 1955
Chicago	49,534	43,156	2,377	2,356	38,744	38,990	4,183	4,785
Cincinnati	4,597	4,527	1,308	1,414	13,450	11,082	1,959	2,042
Denver	14,441	14,496	838	706	2,868	2,785	4,739	5,002
Fort Worth	18,191	18,260	3,343	3,190	3,470	2,270	35,262	25,841
Indianapolis	9,117	8,222	1,092	1,735	36,309	31,410	2,700	1,881
Kansas City	21,396	17,729	1,987	1,840	12,450	7,095	10,050	9,327
Oklahoma City	13,787	15,691	1,454	1,571	4,383	2,640	2,933	3,248
Omaha	45,736	39,502	1,417	659	33,689	33,665	7,592	13,179
St. Joseph	16,643	12,935	1,572	964	27,356	18,200	8,896	6,693
St. Louis NSY	20,003	16,029	4,250	5,080	59,951	36,085	9,766	6,682
Sioux City	25,047	21,203	618	1,136	23,587	26,123	3,456	2,505
S. St. Paul	21,999	19,616	6,616	6,545	44,001	39,253	2,267	2,044
Total	260,491	231,366	26,872	27,196	300,258	249,598	93,803	83,229
June 9, 1956	247,100		26,142		334,016		98,654	

INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA

Week ended:	Hogs	Sheep
June 16, 1956	265,500	23,600
June 9, 1956	253,000	22,800
June 18, 1955	211,500	28,100

FEEDER AND STOCKER CATTLE: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER

	Week ended			Month		Five months	
	June 14 1956	June 7 1956	June 16 1955	May 1956	May 1955	Jan. - May 1956	Jan. - May 1955
Steers - 1001# up	298	202	344	1,367	2,107	8,302	13,062
901-1000	546	641	296	3,341	4,842	26,383	39,412
801-900	1,734	1,649	1,575	8,747	7,646	54,880	59,633
701-800	2,710	2,766	2,358	14,182	13,229	69,581	69,119
501-700	9,335	7,255	7,678	41,098	41,101	187,115	200,452
Total steers 10 mkts.	14,623	12,513	12,251	68,735	68,925	346,261	381,678
Av. wts. " " "	676#	686#	672#	686#	692#	704#	714#
Av.cost* " " "	$16.88	$17.23	$18.95	$16.98	$18.95	$16.86	$19.93
" " " Chicago	18.37	18.23	20.33	17.93	20.33	17.49	20.31
" " " Ks. City	17.64	17.63	19.46	17.68	20.01	17.41	20.74
" " " Omaha	16.77	16.78	18.99	16.95	18.51	16.72	19.86
" " " S. St. Paul	17.68	17.55	18.69	16.05	17.23	15.58	18.09
" " " Sioux City	18.15	18.43	20.16	17.78	19.63	17.20	20.35
" " " Denver	17.85	18.33	20.24	17.78	20.17	17.40	21.59
" " " Ft. Worth	15.56	15.87	18.26	15.68	17.58	16.25	18.74
" " " Okla. City	16.04	16.32	17.56	15.72	17.45	16.14	18.82
" " " S. St. Joseph	16.16	16.84	18.38	16.48	18.44	16.53	19.67
" " " Natl. Stk. Yds.	17.13	16.77	18.35	16.95	18.49	16.46	18.88
Total calves-10 mkts.	8,459	6,396	7,002	26,322	28,552	117,892	153,845
" cows.							
heifers, bulls-" "	3,792	4,588	3,353	20,116	19,681	69,644	83,474

* Not adjusted for differences in grade of cattle sold at each market.

BEEF STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER

Grade	Number of head			Percent of total by grades			Average weight (pounds)			Average price in dollars per 100 lb.		
	Week ended											
	June			June			June			June		
	14 1956	7 1956	16 1955	14 1956	7 1956	16 1955	14 1956	7 1956	16 1955	14 1956	7 1956	16 1955
CHICAGO												
Prime	2430	1908	1762	7.1	5.5	6.2	1312	1309	1248	22.37	22.70	24.55
Choice	23015	24518	19502	67.4	71.1	68.2	1183	1172	1136	21.16	21.32	22.71
Good	8117	7258	6608	23.8	21.0	23.1	1015	1011	1006	19.55	19.69	20.44
Standard	529	628	--	1.5	1.8	--	896	918	--	17.04	17.01	--
Com'l.	--	25	640	--	.1	2.2	--	1338	947	--	16.98	16.97
Utility	81	147	76	.2	.5	.3	846	921	856	14.80	15.13	14.15
All grades	34172	34484	28588				1147	1140	1107	20.86	21.02	22.23
OMAHA 1/												
Prime	211	189	316	1.0	1.0	1.6	1336	1242	1267	21.29	21.43	23.34
Choice	15161	14524	12592	71.7	72.0	63.5	1137	1147	1111	20.14	19.90	21.60
Good	5028	4643	5493	23.8	23.0	27.7	1011	1015	1028	18.33	18.07	19.62
Standard	565	611	--	2.7	3.0	--	924	955	--	15.76	15.67	--
Com'l.	--	--	1264	--	--	6.4	--	--	967	--	--	17.22
Utility	184	204	158	.8	1.0	.8	847	856	880	13.84	13.67	14.95
All grades	21149	20171	19823				1101	1109	1079	19.62	19.37	20.82
SIOUX CITY 1/												
Prime	68	721	132	.6	6.1	1.3	1223	1216	1181	21.41	21.40	23.38
Choice	7512	7179	7067	67.8	60.7	69.7	1146	1150	1121	20.07	20.36	21.58
Good	3070	3438	2533	27.7	29.1	25.0	997	1015	1001	18.88	18.85	19.74
Standard	372	423	--	3.4	3.6	--	920	964	--	16.74	16.80	--
Com'l.	--	--	325	--	--	3.2	--	--	969	--	--	17.45
Utility	54	66	79	.5	.5	.8	845	933	891	14.56	15.29	15.44
All grades	11076	11827	10136				1096	1107	1085	19.66	19.89	21.03
KANSAS CITY 1/												
Prime	207	114	219	3.2	1.8	5.4	1206	1136	1118	22.10	22.45	23.24
Choice	3146	2668	1909	47.9	42.1	47.1	1136	1157	1096	20.85	20.64	22.12
Good	2776	3353	1501	42.3	52.9	37.1	984	1029	1028	19.39	19.18	20.34
Standard	356	169	--	5.4	2.6	--	832	948	--	16.56	16.37	--
Com'l.	--	--	365	--	--	9.0	--	--	998	--	--	16.92
Utility	80	36	57	1.2	.6	1.4	886	880	922	13.63	13.69	15.15
All grades	6565	6340	4051				1054	1082	1061	20.06	19.81	21.02
ST. LOUIS NSY 1/												
Prime	42	8	3	.7	.1	.1	1124	829	1062	22.07	22.00	23.99
Choice	2995	2276	2286	51.8	37.3	51.5	1081	1097	1044	20.69	20.44	22.11
Good	1852	2818	1780	32.0	46.2	40.1	983	1000	928	19.27	19.25	20.21
Standard	787	663	--	13.6	10.9	--	920	922	--	17.31	17.75	--
Com'l.	31	119	256	.6	2.0	5.7	1118	1120	852	17.88	17.38	17.15
Utility	75	213	116	1.3	3.5	2.6	850	887	876	14.75	15.58	15.64
All grades	5782	6097	4441				1025	1026	982	19.77	19.43	20.99
S. ST. JOSEPH 1/												
Prime	93	160	19	1.4	2.6	.4	1284	1199	1356	21.10	21.16	22.00
Choice	3157	2997	1800	49.5	49.7	35.6	1130	1110	1116	20.68	19.93	22.01
Good	2606	2224	2572	40.8	36.9	50.9	1037	1051	1030	19.08	18.33	20.19
Standard	376	586	--	5.9	9.7	--	906	974	--	16.39	16.17	--
Com'l.	--	--	611	--	--	12.1	--	--	1046	--	--	17.61
Utility	150	64	51	2.4	1.1	1.0	853	899	888	13.88	13.70	14.81
All grades	6382	6031	5053				1075	1075	1063	19.72	19.00	20.52

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BEEF STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER

Grade	Number of head			Percent of total by grades			Average weight (pounds)			Average price in dollars per 100 lb.		
	Week ended											
	June 14 1956	June 7 1956	June 16 1955	June 14 1956	June 7 1956	June 16 1955	June 14 1956	June 7 1956	June 16 1955	June 14 1956	June 7 1956	June 16 1955
DENVER 1/												
Prime	--	73	64	--	1.0	.9	--	1172	1146	--	21.91	23.11
Choice	5771	5756	5954	74.5	76.7	81.1	1152	1123	1112	20.85	20.80	22.47
Good	1830	1467	1124	23.6	19.6	15.3	1066	1003	1006	19.71	19.25	20.47
Standard	110	198	--	1.4	2.6	--	1200	915	--	17.13	16.11	--
Com'l.	--	--	201	--	--	2.7	--	--	989	--	--	16.82
Utility	40	9	--	.5	.1	--	852	769	--	12.50	14.00	--
All grades	7751	7503	7343				1131	1094	1093	20.51	20.43	22.06

1/ These summaries developed from data collected on marketings of fed cattle by the Agricultural Estimates Division.

ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

Week ended	Beef		Veal		Pork (excl. lard)		Lamb and mutton		Total meat prod.	Total lard prod.
	Number	Prod.	Number	Prod.	Number	Prod.	Number	Prod.		
	1,000	mil. lb.	1,000	mil. lb.	1,000	mil. lb.	1,000	mil. lb.	mil. lb.	mil. lb.
June 16, 1956	407	223.8	147	19.4	1,040	146.7	269	12.1	402.0	--
June 9, 1956	403	221.6	151	19.5	1,065	148.6	274	12.6	402.3	--
June 2, 1956 1/	342	--	131	--	912	--	215	--	--	32.4
June 18, 1955	378	201.9	141	18.5	842	124.7	273	11.7	356.8	33.1
Percentage change from:										
June 9, 1956	+1	+1	-3	-1	-2	-1	-2	-4	0	--
June 18, 1955	+8	+11	+4	+5	+24	+18	-1	+3	+13	--

Week ended	Average weights (lb.)								Lard yield per 100 lb.
	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs		
	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed 2/	Live	Dressed	
June 16, 1956	990	550	240	132	251	141	92	45	--
June 9, 1956	990	550	235	129	250	140	94	46	--
June 2, 1956	985	546	235	129	245	136	95	46	--
June 18, 1955	963	534	235	131	265	148	89	43	14.8

1/ Actual slaughter.

2/ Excludes lard.

WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

City or Area	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	June 16 1956	June 18 1955	June 16 1956	June 18 1955	June 16 1956	June 18 1955	June 16 1956	June 18 1955
Boston, New York City Area..	14,156	12,606	11,193	14,345	47,650	49,287	42,102	46,534
Baltimore, Philadelphia.....	8,121	8,308	1,513	1,572	24,743	22,177	3,443	2,848
Cin., Cleve., Detroit, Indpls..	18,329	17,188	9,059	6,874	85,070	63,468	19,666	11,623
Chicago Area.....	28,666	26,923	7,820	7,257	47,264	48,225	5,568	6,655
St. Paul-Wisc. Areas.....	30,919	28,908	19,535	20,289	83,681	66,823	5,508	6,208
St. Louis Area.....	16,310	15,561	6,142	7,980	70,722	46,686	12,253	11,833
Omaha Area.....	35,408	33,007	1,049	693	61,732	49,385	9,366	13,502
Kansas City.....	16,836	15,555	3,755	4,336	25,058	20,280	10,944	10,530
Iowa-So. Minnesota 1/.....	42,641	38,257	12,970	11,490	242,789	186,415	26,208	32,902
Lou'l.Evan'l.Nash'l.Mph's...	10,870	11,380	12,104	10,888	40,632	37,964	2/	2/
Georgia-Alabama Area.....	7,684	10,647	4,175	5,025	23,836	13,274	2/	2/
St. Jo'ph.Wichita,Okla.City.	19,608	18,903	4,979	4,329	42,079	30,463	15,536	16,037
Ft.Worth, Dallas, San Antonio	23,265	22,228	9,940	7,993	13,682	10,821	31,134	26,661
Denver, Ogden, Salt Lake City.	18,999	16,708	1,243	1,177	14,451	12,247	18,006	12,454
Los Angeles, San Fran.Areas..	27,218	28,054	4,374	4,028	32,360	27,499	28,256	35,154
Portland, Seattle, Spokane....	8,260	7,631	1,207	798	14,812	10,538	6,493	10,167
Total.....	327,290	311,864	111,058	109,074	870,561	695,552	234,483	243,108
Accumulation to date.....	7,182,081	6,905,522	2,505,064	2,531,774	26,591,317	22,409,157	5,681,988	5,912,662

1/ Includes Sioux City. 2/ Not available.

ESTIMATED PERCENT OF FEEDER AND STOCKER CATTLE AND SLAUGHTER COWS IN SALABLE RECEIPTS

Week ended	Chicago	Kansas City	Omaha	St. Joseph	St. NSY	St. Louis	Sioux City	S. St. Paul	Indianapolis	Denver	Fort Worth	Okla. City	Wichita	San Antonio
Feeders and stockers														
June 15, 1956	3	25	7	7	4	13	5	8	7	55	38	20	35	
June 8, 1956	3	29	9	6	4	14	5	11	8	50	35	28	40	
June 17, 1955	3	23	7	8	5	9	5	6	5	40	65	19	45	
Slaughter cows														
June 15, 1956	5	14	13	20	20	10	35	10	10	25	20	29	45	
June 8, 1956	6	13	11	15	20	8	25	10	10	20	20	20	35	
June 17, 1955	10	19	9	23	22	6	27	22	12	33	20	31	35	

CATTLE: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS

In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago			Kansas City			Omaha		
	June 16 1956	June 9 1956	June 18 1955	June 16 1956	June 9 1956	June 18 1955	June 16 1956	June 9 1956	June 18 1955
Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers									
Steers -									
Prime 900-1100#	22.80	23.32	24.78	22.55	23.02	23.98	22.52	22.58	24.32
1100-1300	22.80	23.25	24.85	22.35	22.78	23.85	22.20	22.38	23.98
Choice 900-1100	21.28	21.58	22.88	20.98	21.25	22.32	20.45	20.40	21.90
1100-1300	21.20	21.50	22.75	20.98	21.25	22.20	20.20	20.28	21.62
Good 900-1100	19.25	19.20	19.88	18.72	18.62	19.80	17.88	17.60	19.48
Standard-All wts.	16.70	16.70	--	16.22	16.12	--	15.65	15.30	--
Heifers -									
Prime 600-800#	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice " "	21.00	21.09	21.80	20.50	20.38	21.68	20.12	19.92	21.60
Good 500-900	18.95	19.10	19.74	18.15	18.09	19.50	17.78	17.60	19.34
Standard-All wts.	16.22	16.42	--	15.65	15.38	--	15.45	15.25	--
Cows - All weights									
Commercial	13.80	13.40	14.48	13.10	12.65	14.25	12.68	12.72	14.48
Utility	12.80	12.42	12.78	12.10	11.78	12.65	11.62	11.75	12.82
Canner & Cutter	11.68	11.20	11.32	10.80	10.55	10.80	10.15	10.30	10.92
Bulls - All weights -									
Utility & Commercial	15.32	15.26	15.35	13.60	13.38	13.38	13.68	13.62	14.25
Calves - 500# down -									
Choice 1/	18.90	18.80	19.60	16.95	17.25	19.30	17.10	18.00	18.50
Com'l. & Good	15.80	15.60	16.10	14.40	14.62	15.50	14.00	15.00	14.50
Vealers - All weights									
Choice & Prime	21.80	21.95	22.00	19.10	20.00	20.80	19.25	20.88	20.70
Com'l. & Good	18.55	18.35	18.20	16.15	16.75	17.00	15.08	16.25	16.25
Feeder and stocker cattle and calves									
Steers -									
Choice 500-800#	20.25	20.20	22.50	19.82	20.12	23.00	19.42	19.62	22.38
Good " "	18.00	17.90	20.50	17.78	18.25	20.75	17.38	17.62	20.38
Medium 500-1000	15.88	15.82	17.25	15.25	15.75	17.50	14.72	14.88	17.50
Heifers -									
Choice 500-750	17.75	17.75	19.00	18.00	18.00	19.25	17.72	17.88	19.12
Med. & Gd. " "	15.25	15.25	16.00	15.25	15.25	16.25	15.22	15.38	15.75
Cows - All weights -									
Medium & Good	--	--	--	10.75	10.75	11.25	11.00	11.12	11.88
Calves - 300-500# -									
Steers -									
Good & Choice	20.50	20.60	21.50	19.20	19.50	22.25	18.65	19.25	21.50
Heifers -									
Good & Choice	18.00	17.90	18.50	17.20	17.50	18.50	16.35	16.75	18.25

1/ Grade classification was Choice and Prime prior to June 1, 1956.

HOGS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS

In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		Chicago			Interior Iowa and southern Minnesota			Indianapolis		
		16 1956	June 9 1956	18 1955	16 1956	June 9 1956	18 1955	16 1956	June 9 1956	18 1955
Barrows and gilts -										
U.S.No.1	160-180#	16.02	16.55	19.38	15.03	15.03	18.53	16.02	16.45	19.40
2 and 3	180-200	17.04	17.51	21.02	16.43	16.49	19.79	17.35	17.72	21.15
	200-220	17.21	17.68	21.02	16.87	16.83	20.04	17.31	17.75	21.12
	220-240	17.05	17.54	20.78	16.61	16.58	19.65	17.08	17.60	20.82
	240-270	16.70	17.22	19.95	16.11	16.14	19.02	16.72	17.18	20.02
	270-300	16.34	16.90	19.00	15.56	15.60	18.27	16.15	16.65	19.32
Sows -										
	300-330#	15.28	15.52	17.35	14.76	15.01	16.70	15.02	15.00	17.20
	360-400	14.28	14.50	15.80	13.71	14.14	15.63	14.08	14.15	15.95
	450-550	12.95	13.15	14.02	12.27	12.73	14.07	12.58	13.12	14.22
Pigs (Feeder) Gd. & Ch. All wts.		--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Classification		Omaha			St. Louis National Stock Yards			Sioux City		
Barrows and gilts -										
U.S.No.1	160-180#	--	--	--	16.62	16.88	20.74	--	--	--
2 and 3	180-200	17.12	17.32	20.88	17.28	17.62	21.18	16.52	16.55	20.52
	200-220	17.12	17.32	20.88	17.30	17.65	21.21	17.06	17.20	20.82
	220-240	17.12	17.32	20.88	17.20	17.60	20.92	17.01	17.15	20.70
	240-270	16.88	17.08	20.02	16.88	17.19	20.28	16.55	16.80	19.82
	270-300	16.50	16.58	18.75	16.28	16.68	19.25	15.98	16.18	18.70
Sows -										
	300-330#	15.55	15.52	17.95	14.55	14.75	16.72	15.40	15.52	17.85
	360-400	14.25	14.45	16.10	14.15	14.38	15.45	14.20	14.28	15.68
	450-550	12.80	13.18	14.25	13.00	13.20	14.12	12.75	12.98	13.92
Pigs (Feeder) - Gd. & Ch. All wts.		--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Classification		S. St. Paul			Baltimore			N. Portland		
Barrows and gilts -										
U.S.No.1	160-180#	16.85	17.05	20.52	17.92	18.08	21.41	18.31	18.12	21.38
2 and 3	180-200	17.10	17.38	20.72	18.40	18.62	21.88	19.00	18.75	22.50
	200-220	17.10	17.38	20.72	18.40	18.62	21.84	19.00	18.75	22.50
	220-240	17.10	17.38	20.42	18.30	18.45	21.41	18.88	18.62	21.50
	240-270	16.72	16.98	19.42	17.80	17.95	20.47	17.38	17.19	20.44
	270-300	15.98	16.02	18.10	17.05	17.32	18.84	16.38	16.25	19.75
Sows -										
	300-330#	14.90	15.38	17.45	13.82	14.12	16.09	15.50	15.50	16.75
	360-400	13.50	14.00	15.88	13.82	14.12	16.09	13.75	13.75	15.88
	450-550	12.45	13.25	13.85	12.32	12.62	14.00	12.25	12.25	15.00
Pigs (Feeder) Gd. & Ch. All wts.		15.50	15.50	18.70	--	--	--	--	15.25	--

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES 1/

	Week ended	Chicago	St. Louis Natl. Stock Yards	Kansas City	Omaha	Sioux City	S. St. Joseph	S. St. Paul	Indianapolis	8-mkts. combined
AVERAGE COST -					Dollars per 100 pounds					
Barrows and gilts	June 16,1956	16.84	16.94	16.73	16.85	16.75	16.83	16.38	17.08	16.83
	June 9,1956	17.27	17.30	17.00	17.10	16.86	16.93	16.71	17.44	17.12
	June 18,1955	20.31	20.48	20.42	19.99	20.17	20.58	19.83	20.58	20.35
Sows	June 16,1956	13.91	13.71	13.88	14.41	14.25	14.33	13.88	13.27	13.99
	June 9,1956	14.16	13.98	14.22	14.65	14.44	14.39	14.36	13.46	14.24
	June 18,1955	15.29	15.27	15.08	16.18	16.24	16.00	16.42	14.81	15.88
AVERAGE WEIGHT -					Pounds					
Barrows and gilts	June 16,1956	228	215	216	225	226	217	224	222	221
	June 9,1956	232	218	218	228	228	220	228	225	224
	June 18,1955	232	214	226	235	231	223	224	221	225
Sows	June 16,1956	398	394	414	362	365	368	359	432	378
	June 9,1956	408	397	398	368	365	378	369	443	387
	June 18,1955	404	411	423	371	354	384	354	446	378
NUMBER OF HEAD -										
Barrows and gilts	June 16,1956	23458	49679	11140	21082	13323	22977	25820	29787	197266
	June 9,1956	28860	51877	10875	27969	18078	26899	32256	31930	228744
	June 18,1955	24032	29934	6306	18447	12076	15519	20102	25657	152073
Sows	June 16,1956	10627	4894	1017	10704	8121	3345	12845	4611	56164
	June 9,1956	11389	5154	921	9620	6530	3262	11486	4993	53355
	June 18,1955	12482	2848	566	13231	11729	2918	16287	4595	64656
SOWS					Percentage of total					
	June 16,1956	31	9	8	34	38	13	33	13	22
	June 9,1956	28	9	8	26	27	11	26	14	19
	June 18,1955	34	9	8	42	49	16	45	15	30

1/ Weighted average.

WEEKLY AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG, COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

	Hog products 1/	Hog prices 2/	Gross spread or margin 3/
June 16, 1956	$18.89	$17.21	$1.68
June 9, 1956	19.09	17.68	1.41
June 18, 1955 4/	22.10	21.02	1.08

1/ Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

2/ Mean of daily quotations on U.S.No. 1, 2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

3/ Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices. 4/ Revised.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Week ended	Barrows and gilts Dollars per 100 pounds	Corn, 1/ No. 3, yellow Cents per bushel	Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts
June 16, 1956	16.84	154.7	10.9
June 9, 1956	17.27	155.4	11.1
June 18, 1955	20.31	147.7	13.8

1/ Simple average price.

SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

		Chicago	Omaha	Kansas City	Fort Worth	Denver	Ogden & North Salt Lake	South San Francisco
LAMBS (SPRING) -								
Choice and Prime	June 16, 1956	26.65	23.92	23.85	--	25.20	23.50	24.88
	June 9, 1956	28.70	26.48	26.30	--	28.45	26.22	24.25
	June 18, 1955	25.20	24.60	24.18	--	24.05	23.00	20.75
Good and Choice	June 16, 1956	24.45	22.78	21.48	22.00	23.55	22.25	23.75
	June 9, 1956	26.45	24.88	24.18	22.70	26.60	24.95	23.25
	June 18, 1955	24.20	23.48	23.10	21.50	21.92	21.50	19.50
LAMBS - 105# down (SHORN) -								
Choice and Prime	June 16, 1956	22.00	--	--	--	--	--	24.75
	June 9, 1956	23.85	--	--	--	--	--	24.75
	June 18, 1955	20.70	--	--	--	--	--	19.75
Good and Choice	June 16, 1956	20.75	18.38	--	19.45	--	18.50	--
	June 9, 1956	22.55	20.50	--	20.75	--	19.00	--
	June 18, 1955	19.45	19.60	--	15.95	--	--	19.25
EWES (SHORN) -								
Good and Choice	June 16, 1956	4.65	4.25	4.00	--	5.60	5.00	3.50
	June 9, 1956	5.00	4.50	4.38	--	5.38	5.50	3.50
	June 18, 1955	5.50	4.75	4.75	--	5.50	4.75	--
Cull and Utility	June 16, 1956	3.70	3.08	3.38	--	3.58	3.00	3.00
	June 9, 1956	4.00	3.62	3.50	--	3.25	3.25	3.00
	June 18, 1955	4.25	3.62	3.75	--	3.50	3.00	3.00
FEEDER LAMBS -								
Good and Choice	June 16, 1956	--	20.20	--	14.85	18.25	--	20.25
	June 9, 1956	--	20.00	--	15.75	18.75	--	20.25
	June 18, 1955	--	--	--	14.65	--	--	16.75

UNITED STATES FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER BY REGIONS
MAY 1956 - with comparisons
(thousand head)

Region	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep & lambs	
	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955
N. Atlantic States.....	135	115	102	93	489	445	197	212
S. Atlantic States.....	44	49	44	38	244	178	--	--
N.C. States - Eastern...	335	302	183	185	1,230	982	92	118
N.C. States - N. Western	453	435	89	89	1,701	1,584	231	308
N.C. States - S. Western	154	151	34	36	445	374	80	125
S. Central States.....	200	225	102	103	422	310	181	194
Mountain States.....	111	93	8	6	98	85	95	74
Pacific States.....	213	191	44	38	246	208	186	197
Total.....	1,646	1,560	606	588	4,875	4,164	1,063	1,228

Other animals slaughtered under Federal inspection, (number of head): May 1956 - horses 14,902; goats 3,667; May 1955 - horses 18,815; goats 4,676.

Data furnished by Agricultural Research Service.

NEW YORK WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEW

Western Dressed Fresh Meats

Trading was generally slow during the week with best action on Monday. The outstanding feature of the week's trade was the weak to sharply lower price trend. Demand for steer carcasses and cuts was fairly broad, but action slowed late, and prices carried a weak undertone. Movement of a moderate supply of cow beef was fair and prices held about steady. Packers and wholesalers, however, encountered difficulty in clearing moderate stocks of calf, lamb and fresh pork, and a carryover of these classes was indicated. Veal and calf sold weak to lower, and lamb prices declined sharply. Prices of fresh pork followed a downward course, with maximum declines on fresh loins. Some fresh pork was expected to be diverted to freezer accounts. Compared with Friday, a week ago: Steer beef steady to weak; cow beef unchanged; veal steady to $3.00 lower; calf weak to $2.00 off; spring lamb $4.00-7.00 lower; pork loins $6.00-8.00 off; other fresh pork cuts steady to $3.00 lower.

Good and Prime grades of steer beef were little changed for the week, but prices of Choice were weak at the close, with all weights quoted within a narrow price range. A fair volume of carcasses and primal cuts was delivered through transactions made at the previous week's close. Weakness in carcass realizations resulted from lower prices on the arm chucks, ribs and rounds.

Receipts of calf increased, and a moderate supply of both veal and calf consisted mainly of lower grade offerings. Prices were revised downward on Commercial and below as buyer interest lagged. A moderate supply of spring lamb was in excess of current demand. Daily clearances were incomplete and late stock positions indicated a fair-sized carryover. Prices closed sharply lower.

Movement of fresh pork was disappointingly slow from a wholesaler standpoint. Sellers were slow in giving ground pricewise, but as the demand narrowed progressively, prices declined. Spareribs closed weak to $1.00 lower after some indication of strength early.

Locally Dressed Fresh Meats

Movement of steer beef was generally satisfactory to sellers but weakness developed late in the kosher division. Opening trade for other classes and cuts was fair, but action was deterred to some degree later by unusually high temperatures. Beef sold weak at the close, with veal and calf weak to lower. Sharp declines were posted on lamb. Weakness featured the fresh pork trade, with late sales of loins to $3.00 below the high time of the preceding week.

Steer hindquarter prices were little changed for the week, although late sales crowded the inside quotation. Prices on rounds and arm chucks were off $1.00 and 50¢, respectively, in late trading, mainly the result of persistent price pressure. Prices of kosher beef forequarters and wholesale cuts were fully steady at the week's opening but weakness developed later and early upturns of about $1.00 were erased.

Sales of veal and calf averaged weak to lower, as a normal supply met with a relatively narrow demand. Kosher foresaddle prices showed few changes. A slow trade and lower prices describes the pattern on locally dressed lamb. Carcass downturns averaged $5.00 or more, while foresaddles and related cuts also lost price ground. Late sales of kosher spring lamb foresaddles were fully $4.00 below the week's high point. Warm weather in the Metropolitan Area created a lag in buyer interest for fresh pork and movement of the fully normal supply was slow. Sellers presented firm price stands early, but were quick to recognize that adjustments would be necessary.

CHICAGO WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEW

Sharp price declines on both spring and old crop lamb, and on some pork cuts featured the week's trade. The lamb supply increased with spring lamb making up the bulk. Moderate offerings of most fresh pork cuts proved fully adequate. Pork loins consisted mainly of 12-16# averages. Volume of veal carcasses under 80# was larger than in recent weeks. However, Good to average-Choice 80-130# weights were mainly featured. Bulk of the beef graded Choice, but supply of all grades was close to normal. Trade was generally slow, the first heat wave of the summer being the main factor in curtailing consumer demand. Lamb prices declined sharply in spite of somewhat limited offerings. All interests were in the market for center cuts of lamb and spareribs 3# down. Other pork cuts sold slowly, particularly 12-16# loins. Trading in carcass beef was slow although early in the week there was a fair shipping demand. Trade on squarecut beef chucks was fairly active early but slowed later with prices showing declines. Fresh meat clearances at wholesale will be incomplete. Compared to last Thursday's close: Beef mostly steady to 50¢ higher on Choice 800-900# steer carcasses; veal $1.00 lower; spring lamb $4.00-6.00 off, old crop $3.00-8.00 lower; full decline on Good grade; pork loins 8-12# steady to $1.00 lower, 12-16# and Boston butts $1.50-3.00 lower; spareribs steady.

Choice and Prime squarecut beef chucks brought $27.00-29.00; comparable rounds $41.00-43.00; Prime loins $80.00-85.00, Choice $65.00-68.00; Prime ribs $55.00-57.00, Choice $44.00-48.00; Choice and Prime kosher style beef chucks $27.00-29.00. Old crop lamb hindsaddles brought $57.00-60.00, spring lamb hindsaddles $65.00-68.00. Old crop lamb legs cleared from $48.00-50.00, spring lamb legs $50.00-55.00; old and new crop lamb loins $80.00-85.00 and $90.00-95.00, respectively; hotel ribs $75.00-85.00, and $70.00-75.00.

PACIFIC COAST WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEW

Good and Choice steer carcasses under 700# were in limited supply at most points on the West Coast with heavier weights and cow beef in moderate but adequate supply. Calf carcasses were limited in the Pacific Northwest and fully adequate in California, veal about sufficient at all points; spring lamb still in small supply, with shipments to the Eastern Seaboard considerably reduced; fresh and cured pork cuts more than adequate with loins very slow due to warmer weather and the recent higher prices. Trading continued fairly active on beef except at Los Angeles where trade was slow. Fresh pork loins were slow at all points with some going to freezers at Los Angeles. Prices compared with last Friday: Steer beef $1.00-2.50 higher, most advance in the Northwest; cow beef steady to $1.00 higher in the Northwest and 50¢ lower in California; calf, veal and spring lamb mostly steady; fresh pork loins $1.00-6.00 lower, other pork cuts mostly steady with smoked skinned hams $1.00-2.00 higher in the Northwest.

Choice steer carcasses under 700# bulked from $34.00-37.00, few to $38.00; 700-800# $33.00-36.00; Good under 700# $31.00-36.00; Standard $29.00-34.00. Standard cow beef was available at San Francisco only, ranging from $28.00-30.00; Commercial $24.00-29.00; Utility $23.00-27.00; Canner and Cutter $19.00-25.00.

Good and Choice calf under 300# bulked from $33.00-40.00; Commercial, all weights, $30.00-34.00; Good and Choice veal under 150# $32.00-40.00; Commercial down to $29.00 at Los Angeles. Choice and Prime spring lamb under 55# brought $48.00-53.00, Good all weights, $43.00-50.00; fresh pork loins under 16# sold mostly from $45.00-54.00, a few cleanup sales $1.00-2.00 less at Los Angeles; shoulders under 16# $29.00-38.00; spareribs under 3# $40.00-50.00; smoked skinned hams under 18# $52.00-59.00; slab bacon under 10# $32.00-43.00; sliced 1# bacon $42.00-50.00; smoked picnics under 8# $30.00-36.00; lard in 1# cartons $14.50-20.00.

WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS

In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	New York			Chicago			San Francisco		
	June 16 1956	June 9 1956	June 18 1955	June 16 1956	June 9 1956	June 18 1955	June 16 1956	June 9 1956	June 18 1955
Beef -									
Steer -									
Prime 600-700#	39.25	39.25	--	37.40	37.05	41.35	--	--	--
700-800	38.25	38.25	43.50	37.40	37.05	42.20	--	--	--
Choice 500-600	--	--	--	36.05	35.80	37.75	36.50	35.50	40.50
600-700	37.62	37.75	40.25	36.05	35.80	37.75	35.00	34.30	39.00
Good 400-600	34.25	34.00	36.80	34.00	33.70	36.00	34.00	33.60	38.00
Standard 350-600	--	--	--	31.25	31.25	--	31.00	30.00	--
Cow, all wts. -									
Commercial	28.00	28.00	31.00	--	--	--	26.50	26.70	30.00
Utility	26.50	26.50	28.00	--	--	--	25.00	25.00	26.50
Veal -									
Prime 90-120#	40.50	40.50	42.00	40.90	42.50	41.50	--	--	--
Choice 90-120	35.50	35.70	37.00	35.90	36.50	37.00	--	--	--
Good 90-120	33.00	33.20	34.50	33.90	34.50	35.00	37.00	38.00	39.00
Spring lamb -									
Prime 30-45#	53.80	58.20	53.10	53.30	56.60	52.10	--	--	--
45-55	55.40	59.80	51.90	53.30	56.60	50.80	49.00	49.00	41.00
Choice 45-55	55.40	59.30	51.20	53.30	56.60	50.80	49.00	49.00	41.00
55-65	54.90	57.60	--	51.60	54.60	--	47.00	47.00	39.00
Good all wts.	45.40	49.00	47.50	48.05	52.60	45.20	44.00	44.50	38.00
Pork - Fresh -									
Loins 8-12#	46.20	53.60	60.70	45.60	48.85	61.60	52.80	56.00	62.90
12-16	44.10	52.70	58.00	43.10	48.25	58.70	52.80	56.40	60.20
Butts 4-8	39.40	40.30	38.50	35.40	38.35	39.15	42.00	42.00	43.00
Pork - Cured -									
Hams, smk., skd. -									
12-16#	52.00	49.50	53.00	54.90	54.95	54.90	57.50	57.50	58.60
16-18	46.50	46.50	50.50	55.50	55.50	53.90	55.50	55.50	55.20
18-20	--	--	--	54.65	54.40	53.20	--	--	--
Bacon, smk. - slab -									
6-8#	--	--	--	35.55	35.75	47.10	40.00	40.00	52.00
8-10	32.00	36.50	41.00	33.55	34.65	44.45	38.00	38.00	50.00
Sliced, 1# pkg.	42.50	41.00	51.00	42.35	42.55	52.80	46.00	44.00	53.00
Picnics, smk. -									
4-8#	29.50	31.00	33.50	34.30	33.90	37.35	32.00	32.00	36.00
Backs, D.S.16-20#	16.50	15.50	15.00	12.65	12.75	11.75	--	--	--
Lard, 1# cartons -									
Refined	17.25	17.50	17.00	15.25	15.75	15.15	19.00	19.00	18.50
Substitutes	--	--	--	31.25	30.75	28.00	--	--	--

Note: Quotations at New York exclude locally dressed meats.

BOSTON WOOL MARKET REVIEW

Approximately twelve cars of various greasy domestic worsted wools were sold in a very quiet market as the annual mill vacation period neared. Prices held unchanged compared to last week with a narrow demand mostly for medium fleece wools. Spot dealer inventories continued very small. Movement of scoured wools and noils was dull and listless at slightly easier prices for scoured shorn types and about unchanged for other woolen wool classes. Topmakers again became active in Texas with some fair business in delaine type wools while Eastern representatives were moderately active in Montana, Wyoming and Oregon. Trade in the fleece wool States was quiet around recent price levels.

Cabled reports at midweek from Adelaide, Australia, indicated firm prices with Japan dominating. Prices quoted from Montevideo, Uruguay were considered much too high to attract local dealer interest. Some Montevideo wools in local bonded warehouses were exported to Europe at levels about ten cents more than Boston prices.

Fleece Wools - Graded fine Ohio staple delaine sold at $1.30 clean basis while graded fine, average to good French combing moved at $1.15 and graded 60/62s good French combing and staple fleeces moved around $1.18. Graded 56/58s good French and staple wool brought from $1.02-1.06 clean while graded 50/54s good French combing and staple fleeces sold from 97¢-$1.03 clean basis and graded burry and seedy medium fleece wool brought 44¢ in the grease. Graded Valley Oregon paper makers braid wool sold at $1.01 clean basis. Country buyers continued to pay from 42-44¢ but mostly 42-43¢ for medium wools and from 40-43¢ for fine wool to the grower. County pools in Pennsylvania sold at grease prices around 50.75¢-51.76¢ f.o.b. and the New Jersey State pool brought 51¢ f.o.b. for medium wools in the grease.

Territory Wools - A good-sized clip of original bag bulk wool was purchased in Montana at 46½¢ grease basis to the growers while other clips sold at 45-46¢ f.o.b. Turnover of territory wools in the local market was practically at a standstill.

Texas Wools - Original bag 12 months bulk 64/62s staple and good French combing crossbred Texas wool sold at $1.25 clean basis.

Delaine type good French combing and staple Texas wool in original bags was sold at grease prices ranging from 42½-45½¢ to the warehouse. Estimates of clean prices ranged from $1.35-1.40 delivered Eastern mill.

Mohair - The local mohair market was very quiet and little was done in Texas. Adult hair was quoted in Texas at 86½-87½¢ to the warehouse.

Sales of CCC Wools - The Commodity Credit Corporation announced on June 14, 1956 that approximately 523,000 pounds of C.C.C-owned wool were sold from bids received on a total of about 4,277,000 pounds. The principal grades, quantities and sales price ranges (before discounts, if any) follow:

	Pounds	Price Range
Graded territory 1/2 blood, av. and good French	29,433	$1.103-1.123
" " 3/8s " staple and good French	10,149	1.164
Common and braid	15,885X	.791- .824
Graded fleece delaine	22,962	1.31 -1.32
" " 1/4 blood staple and good French 48/50s	29,502	.961
Fleece burry and seedy fine and 1/2 blood	21,275	.92
" " " " 3/8s and 1/4 blood	11,941	.72

X - No more of this class now left in inventory.

MEATS AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS PREPARED AND PROCESSED
UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Product	Week ended May 5 1956	May 12 1956	May 19 1956	May 26 1956	June 2 1956
	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#
Placed in cure -					
Beef	3,152	3,331	3,152	3,277	2,655
Pork	70,617	71,767	68,318	63,695	59,466
Other	14	14	21	15	17
Smoked and/or dried -					
Beef	1,021	1,295	1,150	940	934
Pork	49,233	50,228	53,854	48,032	42,765
Cooked meat -					
Beef	1,584	1,560	1,470	1,631	1,389
Pork	5,424	6,453	7,046	5,994	4,597
Other	73	80	42	51	48
Sausage -					
Fresh finished	4,486	4,349	4,065	3,758	3,477
To be dried or semi-dried	2,865	2,934	2,772	2,610	2,436
Franks, wieners	12,881	13,383	14,245	15,433	13,352
Other, smoked or cooked	12,377	12,405	12,870	12,975	11,453
Loaf, head cheese, chili, jellied products	4,100	4,121	4,376	4,403	3,698
Steaks, chops, roasts	13,677	13,279	11,735	12,987	12,383
Meat extract	24	70	41	44	41
Sliced bacon	20,146	20,101	20,335	18,550	18,151
Sliced, other	3,564	3,656	3,726	3,981	3,305
Hamburger	3,282	3,277	3,332	3,173	2,891
Miscellaneous meat product	1,415	1,205	1,257	1,164	942
Lard, rendered	42,739	39,564	35,134	33,987	30,647
Lard, refined	32,564	33,052	32,866	29,592	25,907
Oleo stock	2,180	2,005	1,650	1,955	1,558
Edible tallow	4,316	4,094	4,185	4,085	3,577
Rendered pork fat -					
Rendered	2,306	2,134	1,942	1,944	1,744
Refined	1,034	1,013	1,148	882	824
Compound containing animal fat	11,330	12,718	13,900	14,685	12,665
Oleomargarine " " "	1,712	1,880	1,764	1,360	1,165
Canned product (for civilian use and Dept. of Defense)	49,227	47,295	47,020	40,186	41,869
Total 1/	357,346	357,263	353,416	331,388	303,953

1/ This figure represents "inspection pounds" as some of the products may have been inspected and recorded more than once due to having been subjected to more than one distinct processing treatment, such as curing first, then canning.

MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS PREPARED AND PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - Continued

Product	Week ended - 1956									
	May 5		May 12		May 19		May 26		June 2	
	3 lb. or over	Under 3 lb.	3 lb. or over	Under 3 lb.	3 lb. or over	Under 3 lb.	3 lb. or over	Under 3 lb.	3 lb. or over	Under 3 lb.
Canned product (For civilian use only)	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#
Luncheon meat	4,429	3,615	4,150	3,081	3,409	2,646	3,251	2,580	2,854	2,301
Canned hams	4,328	109	4,146	104	3,580	105	3,025	116	2,551	199
Corned beef hash	79	1,324	61	1,469	52	1,617	36	1,367	45	1,175
Chili con carne	39	1,702	117	1,361	175	2,347	94	1,880	32	1,737
Viennas	8	1,285	2	1,199	1	1,193	2	1,166	1	976
Franks, wieners in brine	2	26	1	74	3	47	1	39	1	29
Deviled ham	—	210	—	266	—	182	—	201	—	31
Other potted or deviled meat food products	—	829	—	733	—	749	—	758	—	586
Tamales	5	590	47	453	49	502	5	570	15	360
Sliced dried beef	7	92	4	87	1	92	1	65	—	55
Chopped beef	—	466	—	374	—	234	—	428	—	460
Meat stew (all products)	47	2,492	—	2,664	4	1,828	1	1,893	7	1,779
Spaghetti meat products	36	1,409	34	1,474	55	1,531	27	1,725	24	1,732
Tongue (other than pickled)	10	33	11	49	9	31	11	28	14	14
Vinegar pickled products	161	382	157	399	235	354	172	342	141	249
Bulk sausage	1	106	1	326	2	190	1	300	1	267
Hamburger, rstd. or corned beef meat & gravy	42	2,750	8	2,263	17	1,974	17	1,271	15	1,174
Soups	280	13,368	386	12,889	464	14,699	547	12,071	318	14,512
Sausage in oil	76	79	62	105	91	58	61	43	39	149
Tripe	—	102	—	169	—	165	—	160	—	153
Brains	—	56	—	48	—	51	—	65	—	45
Canned loins and picnics	600	27	600	201	521	42	473	19	467	16
All other with meat and/or meat byproducts -										
20% or more	23	1,431	58	1,505	23	1,305	72	1,348	33	998
Less than 20%	99	5,752	95	5,457	91	5,678	137	3,278	270	5,621
Total	10,274	38,234	9,941	36,753	8,781	37,619	7,933	31,713	6,827	34,615

Note: See footnote at bottom of page 502.

INSPECTED STOCKER AND FEEDER SHIPMENTS FROM PUBLIC STOCKYARDS MAY 1956 - WITH COMPARISONS

Cattle and Calves

Market origin	May 1956	May 1955	State destination	May 1956	May 1955
	Number	Number		Number	Number
Baltimore	2,330	2,038	Pennsylvania	10,190	6,301
Chicago	6,322	6,796	Ohio	8,504	8,118
Cincinnati	415	401	Indiana	13,869	11,779
Clovis	7,969	8,474	Illinois	26,348	25,500
Denver	23,255	27,290	Michigan	5,592	6,764
Detroit	1,715	2,430	Wisconsin	1,601	1,216
Fort Worth	25,308	25,398	Minnesota	5,872	6,694
Indianapolis	6,284	4,933	Iowa	38,300	46,766
Kansas City	30,452	32,825	Missouri	15,977	18,130
Lancaster	7,248	4,440	South Dakota	4,797	5,779
Los Angeles	4,153	7,573	Nebraska	20,493	20,764
Louisville	3,337	3,530	Kansas	17,135	17,121
Nashville	1,190	955			
Ogden	3,457	5,114	Maryland	2,449	1,622
Oklahoma City	26,203	27,159	Virginia	920	882
Omaha	22,700	29,709	Kentucky	3,777	3,275
St. Louis area 1/	6,805	6,664	Tennessee	3,051	2,745
San Antonio	25,667	27,461			
Sioux City	16,129	21,232	Oklahoma	12,070	17,583
Sioux Falls	5,815	6,108	Texas	34,169	26,071
S. St. Joseph	6,842	6,918	Colorado	19,288	20,707
S. St. Paul	5,740	5,930	Utah	2,329	3,168
Wichita	7,762	7,854	California	15,508	26,190
All other inspected 2/	55,740	68,336	All other 2/	40,599	62,393
Total 2/	302,838	339,568	Total 2/	302,838	339,568

Sheep and Lambs

Chicago	990	711	Ohio	4,907	3,962
Denver	8,659	2,220	Indiana	3,054	1,851
Fort Worth	32,876	25,162	Illinois	15,482	12,807
Kansas City	10,087	10,135	Michigan	372	523
Louisville	--	--	Wisconsin	31	52
Ogden	2,591	13,947	Minnesota	2,133	7,718
Omaha	3,032	3,373	Iowa	16,097	18,165
St. Louis area 1/	3,791	4,972	Missouri	6,464	8,474
Salt Lake City	755	10,631	South Dakota	6,021	4,438
Sioux City	4,103	5,960	Nebraska	4,275	5,136
Sioux Falls	1,082	1,032	Kansas	6,247	3,258
S. St. Joseph	3,679	1,765	Kentucky	9,556	5,984
S. St. Paul	1,696	1,853	Texas	10,805	16,579
			Colorado	3,386	1,385
			Utah	1,048	12,080
All other			California	1,297	1,855
inspected 2/	36,522	38,986	All other 2/	18,688	16,480
Total 2/	109,863	120,747	Total 2/	109,863	120,747

1/ Includes St. Louis National Stockyards, Ill., and St. Louis, Mo.

2/ Excludes Hawaii.

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STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND SHEEP RECEIVED IN SEVERAL CORN BELT STATES 1/
May 1956, with comparisons

Cattle and Calves

State	Public Stock Yards		Direct		Total		Cumulative Total	
	May		May		May		Jan.-May, incl.	
	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955
Ohio	7,325	7,624	2,767	3,097	10,092	10,721	51,082	43,393
Indiana	9,408	8,293	1,747	6,441	11,155	14,734	47,653	56,313
Illinois	22,241	23,466	27,313	27,003	49,554	50,469	259,620	256,330
Michigan	4,833	6,618	1,647	1,998	6,480	8,616	25,986	24,669
Wisconsin	1,363	1,515	214	1,235	1,577	2,750	9,398	6,203
Minnesota	6,130	9,773	3,360	4,771	9,490	14,544	76,276	87,384
Iowa	33,355	49,948	16,593	18,303	49,948	68,251	345,004	384,830
South Dakota	5,911	4,281	14,767	20,785	20,678	25,066	51,000	70,433
Nebraska	19,968	20,490	17,038	20,403	37,006	40,893	174,209	255,950
Total 9 States	110,534	132,008	85,446	104,036	195,980	236,044	1,040,228	1,185,505

Sheep and Lambs

Ohio	5,585	3,299	3,791	1,715	9,376	5,014	22,903	24,408
Indiana	2,416	1,916	2,533	10,100	4,949	12,016	11,468	21,643
Illinois	15,647	5,948	18,032	11,722	33,679	17,670	82,594	89,446
Michigan	372	523	528	--	900	523	4,505	5,317
Wisconsin	31	322	--	--	31	322	1,542	3,688
Minnesota	2,117	2,022	6,187	6,302	8,304	8,324	63,988	81,035
Iowa	6,661	29,120	21,841	18,497	28,502	47,617	290,398	283,126
South Dakota	8,764	2,567	10,924	7,478	19,688	10,045	50,471	63,029
Nebraska	7,011	7,740	8,581	3,856	15,592	11,596	128,122	178,957
Total 9 States	48,604	53,457	72,417	59,670	121,021	113,127	655,991	750,649

1/ Data in this report are obtained from offices of State Veterinarians. Under "Public Stockyards" are included stockers and feeders which were bought at stockyards markets. Under "Direct" are included stockers and feeders coming from other States from points other than public stockyards, some of which are inspected at public stockyards while stopping for feed, water, and rest en route.

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LIVESTOCK MARKET REVIEW - CONTINUED FROM PAGE 48
WESTERN LIVESTOCK REVIEW

Trading on slaughter steers and heifers at terminal markets in the Far West showed considerable activity at fully steady to $1.00 higher prices. At Denver steers over 1150# closed steady to 50¢ lower. Cows were steady to $1.00 lower in California, steady to 50¢ lower at Ogden and steady to 50¢ higher in the northwest. Calves and vealers were weak to $2.00 lower in California, steady to $1.00 higher at Portland, mostly steady elsewhere. Stockers and feeders brought steady to strong prices. Barrows and gilts declined 25¢ at Stockton and Ogden, closing steady to 25¢ higher at other markets. Slaughter spring lambs were steady to $1.50 lower in the Far West and $3.00-4.50 at Denver.

At western terminal markets Choice fed steers brought $20.00-21.50, high-Choice and Prime reaching $21.75 at Los Angeles and Denver with a few loads at Portland from $22.00-22.50. Good steers bulked from $18.50-20.00. Good and Choice heifers cleared at $18.50-21.00, a few loads high-Choice and Prime $22.25 at Denver. Utility and Commercial cows cashed from $10.50-14.00; Canners and Cutters $8.00-11.50. Good and Choice vealers brought $18.00-21.50, a few $23.00-23.50. Sales of Good and Choice stocker and feeder steers ranged from $16.00-18.65, Choice stockers to $19.00. Good and Choice stock steer calves brought $17.50-20.00.

On the direct basis from feedlots slaughter steers and heifers sold strong to $1.00 higher; Choice steers out of California feedlots $20.50-21.00, several loads Choice and Prime 975-1050# $22.00-22.50 late; Good and low-Choice steers $18.50-20.00. Medium to Choice stocker and feeder steers for current to fall delivery brought $16.00-17.50, some for immediate delivery $18.00. A few loads of Good and Choice 400-550# steer calves cashed from $18.25-19.00.

U. S. No. 1, 2 and 3 180-240# barrows and gilts brought $18.50-19.25 at Los Angeles; $18.75 at San Francisco; $19.00 at Stockton; $19.00-19.85 at Portland; $18.25 at Spokane and Ogden and $17.25-18.00 at Denver. Choice and Prime spring slaughter lambs reached $28.00 early at Denver, top at midweek $24.50, final limit $23.50, with Good and Choice late $21.00-23.00. At western markets Good and Choice brought $22.00-25.50, with late sales mostly $23.50 and below.

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